Dear NU Family,

This week, I have had a number of conversations with people concerned regarding the events in our world. These conversations have included concern over North Korean missiles, the rescinding of the DACA program, the devastation in Houston from Hurricane Harvey, Hurricane Irma's effects on the Caribbean and Florida, and hate posters hung on college campuses, including ours. In prayer, I felt the Lord speak to me to be strong and pray. I encourage you to do the same, and to pray over the events that society faces today. The warfare we fight is spiritual, and though we may not see some aspects of it, it is very real (Eph. 6:10-20). Protestant minister Dr. Martyn Lloyd-Jones said, "There is no grosser or greater misinterpretation of the Christian message than that which depicts it as offering a life of ease with no battle and struggle at all...Sooner or later every believer discovers that the Christian life is a battle ground, not a playground". In this battle, we must overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21). Paul writes, "We do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have a divine power to demolish strongholds" (2 Cor. 10:3b-4).

If the circumstance you face cannot be made better by your physical effort, put the challenge into the hands of the One who can make a difference. I encourage you and your network of friends to get involved in the challenges of our world however you can, and most importantly, to get involved by praying.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Mon, Sept 11 | Chapel: Megan Netherton | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Mon, Sept 11 | Pursuit | Butterfield Chapel, 8:30pm

Wed, Sept 13 | Chapel: 5TENS | Butterfield Chapel, 10 and 11:20am

Fri, Sept 15 | Chapel: Joe McQueen | Butterfield Chapel, 10 & 11:20am

Sun, Sept 17 | Chic Chat & FellaShip* | Butterfield Chapel and Argue HSC 104, 7:00pm

*Spiritual Life Credit Offered

In Christ, our intercessor,

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